

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Unless the FCC acts immediately and forcefully, this distorted perspective will be force-fed to thousands of unsuspecting voters. The rebuttals and retractions will come only after the election, after it is too late. Then the FCC can repent at leisure.

The Commission is at a crossroads: will you go down in history as the administration that enabled complete loss of faith in the benign intentions of regulatory agencies? Or will you have the courage to acknowledge that corporate propaganda is more obscene than a moment of nudity? Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.